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SUBJ: SUHARTO VISIT TO US

REF: A. STATE 126436 B. JAKARTA 6285 C. STATE 97046

- 1. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR JOHNSTON ADVISED US JUNE 4, JUST BEFORE I TALKED TO GENERAL SUDHARMONO RE PLANS FOR MRS SUHARTO (REF A), THAT OTTAWA HAS DECIDED IT CANNOT DELAY ANY LONGER ANNOUNCEMENT RE SUHARTO VISIT TO CANADA AND THUS, IS MAKING ANNOUNCEMENT JUNE 5. JOHNSTON HAD JUST INFORMED GOI. IN TALK WITH ME, SUDHARMONO CONFIRMED THIS AND SAID GOI WOULD PROBABLY MAKE PARALLEL ANNOUNCEMENT RE VISIT TO CANADA WITHIN DAY OR SO.
- 2. SUDHARMONO SAID GOI PLAN IS TO MAKE SEPARATE ANNOUNCEMENT RE EACH COUNTRY SUHARTO WILL VISIT THIS SUMMER--WITH ANNOUNCEMENT RE IRAN TO BE LAST (ABOUT JUNE 19, ONE WEEK BEFORE SUHARTO'S DEPARTURE FOR IRAN).
- 3. I REMINDED SUDHARMONO OF OUR INTEREST IN BEING ABLE TO ANNOUNCE US VISIT SOON AFTER CANADIAN ANNOUNCEMENT(REF B.) HE SAID GOI WOULD PREFER THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF US VISIT BE HELD OFF UNTIL EARLY NEXT WEEK, COMMENTING THAT "IN A WAY" VISIT ALREADY ANNOUNCED IN US (A REFERENCE TO PRESIDENT'S APRIL 10 SPEECH).
- 4. I SAID I THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO WASHINGTON BUT WOULD IMMEDIATELY INQUIRE. I SUGGESTED THAT WASHINGTON (AS WELL AS EMBASSY) WOULD WANT TO BE ABLE TO ANSWER PRESS QUERIES CONFIDENTIAL

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WHICH MIGHT ARISE AFTER OTTAWA ANNOUNCEMENT, AND SUGGESTED COMMENT

ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: WE ARE STILL DISCUSSING WITH INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT DETAILS OF PLANS FOR AN INFORMAL MEETING BETWEEN SUHARTO AND FORD AT THE TIME OF SUHARTO'S VISIT TO NORTH AMERICA IN EARLY JULY.

5. SUDHARMONO SAID THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION TO HANDLING PRESS QUERIES IN THIS WAY. HE SAID HE WOULD ADVISE ME SOON OF PRECISE DATE GOI WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ANNOUNCMENT MADE RE US VISIT; HE ALSO PROMISED TO REVIEW TEXT OF PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENT (REF C) AND LET ME KNOW PROMPTLY IF THERE ANY CHANGES GOI WOULD LIKE TO MAKE.

 $6.\ ACTION$ REQUESTED: IF ABOVE NOT SATISFACTORY TO WASHINGTON IN ANY WAY, WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED BY IMMEDIATE CABLE. TOUSSAINT

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